

I am writing to request that the FCC begin a systematic review of communication tower and bird mortality issues; institute a research program, funded by the communications industry, to identify tower placement, design and lighting conditions that result in bird mortality; undertake environmental reviews of all existing towers to assess their placement and design with regard to migratory bird impacts; require that all proposed towers be subjected to rigorous environmental reviews; and implement immediate protections based on existing knowledge, such as the voluntary tower siting and placement guidelines developed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

As electronic communications towers proliferate, these protections will be essential to protecting migrating songbirds. Thank you.